

Fwd: MAYOR MENDICINO BLAIR

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My notes

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

Mayor and Chief Sloly believe that without additional resources, progress will not be made. If additional protests and more vehicles arrive this weekend, won't be positioned to hold and contain, they are already at risk of losing gains because officers need relief. MAYOR will call Premier tomorrow and ask for Ministerial participation from the province. RIDEAU is area of priority given risk. NEW FINES for idling being approved as early as tomorrow. SIGNIFICANT resource ask, some civilian supports like media relations officers. Tone was positive, but realistic about ability to sustain efforts.

MM: good to be back on these calls. Stay focused on task at hand. Received your letter.

Mayor: why no SOLGEN attendance?

MM: no word back.

Mayor: I am speaking to Premier tomorrow. Will ask that his Minister be at the table. My call with PM was positive. Need clarity on RCMP officers because people are asking where these 300 are because as I have said, they're at rideau cottage etc. we need more show of officers and RCMP and OPP even if a downpayment ahead of the weekend from both the province and feds. I will be putting lots of pressure on the provincial government and you but need more movement on officers on the ground. Spoke to big city mayors caucus they're all willing to help out.

Blair: on Ontario involvement. I know Marco's been having good conversations with ON. They are worried about being visible and then being asked about what the province is doing.

SLOLY:

I will break down my update in three areas:

- * What we have done to staff
- * What the plan is
- * Breakdown of 1800 additional resources and what they will be doing.

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In the city of Ottawa, OPS has 2,100 total staff, 1400 are police officers. Blair will know, even

though the budget is that much, that isn't total officers. 10% is off at any given time – time off etc, and we haven't recovered our attrition rate. We are at approx. 1000 police officers total. To staff all the traffic points on Sir John A, wellington, rideau – it takes approximately 500 officers. 24/7 services are dedicated to the rest. We are stretched. As of Thursday. I cancelled all days off. Brought in every single officer. We created a surge of 150 officers Friday Saturday Sunday. We do not have enough officers to cover off the area. We are doing what we can with everything we have.

OVERALL CONOP:

1. Negotiations – liaison teams supported by trained negotiators and Dr. Peter Collins. First and always. When that fails heavier options come into play
2. Surge of officers 150 strong in those three neighbourhoods and is per shift 20 officers given current staffing levels. It's not a felt or visible difference. Need to upstaff surge. This demonstration is spreading in its footprint. We need a bigger and wider surge that's visible and felt.
3. Contain. What we take back we need to hold. Coventry road is a good example. We also need more investigations capacity / evidence gathering etc.

On the REDZONES themselves, we will take them on when we have the resources but that is not currently the case.

1. We will tackle RIDEAU first. If we did it all at once, would require all public order officers in Ontario. That is currently not feasible. We will take them out in a 72 hour period assuming proper supports.
2. Timeline horizons: we are working in 24 / 72 hour planning timelines. We set one target a day, two if we have resources, go after as aggressively. We recycle those targets in 72 hours cycles. We are working on a 5 day plan that's rolling. We work during the week on objectives and then stack resources for the weekend.
3. Resource reliability. We need that to plan and execute.
4. Define success factors – noise, reclaim land, hate, charge packages etc.

1. Ongoing 24/7 communication which includes national provincial and municipal. The federal government or the province communicate something, it affects the scope of the protest.

ASKS:

1000 officers for general duty. (330 for each block (WELLINGTON / RIDEAU / MARKET)
70 general investigators
15 cybercrime
10 civil comms centre. (OPS HQ)
5 media relations

We are anticipating mass arrests.

QAs:

MM: do you see wellington redzone being tackled within 2-3 days?

SLOLY – no. but we have 24/7 negotiations that are ongoing. We got 6-7 trucks out of red zone

today. Public safety risk is higher on RIDEAU. It's being contained by a QC criminal organization and they are radicalized elements as well. There is some negotiations ongoing leading to movement and that's 48 hours away. If we had resources tonight we could move on that tonight.

Size of Wellington footprint is shrinking. We removed six trucks today through negotiations.

MM: confirm rideau is ahead of wellington ?

SLOLY: Yes, it's blocking a hospital route, etc. higher risk to public safety. When we have resource reliability we will be able to move.

MM:

What does the trend like look like for removal, is it slowly going down or is it stop and start?

SLOLY: For every action we do, there is a counter reaction that can exceed our resources. We saw that in Coventry.

Our public request for more 1800 more people resulted in the activity in Windsor, plus a national call for protesters to drive to Ottawa so they can outnumber even increased police presence. There are national implications and local implications here. They are very well organized and able to mobilize people.

BB: have you looked at traffic laws etc? other jurisdictions have made use of traffic act well. Peter I am reluctant to get into the world of tactics but Is there incentivizing for people to remove vehicles I am just thinking of the lessons learned in AB. Have you given thought to writing tickets and create incentive to move their cars. Daily, hourly ticketing can motivate.

Mayor: we made application to the province to increase the fines to \$1,000 for things like idling. The chief justice will sign off tonight likely or tomorrow.

SLOLY: : rest assured over 1000 tickets have been issued, 200 in red zone, particularly along rideau and wellington. We have identified 100% of the people there, every truck and owner, all individuals. There are also women and infants there. We are looking at insurance and licensing of every vehicle there and we are getting the information of the businesses associated with these vehicles. We are looking to create an IMPOUND ZONE, simply put, we can create this zone, IMPOUND these vehicles where they are, until we are able to remove them with the trucks we have, or get more trucks.

BB: I will raise that Minister Alghabra will be in touch with Minister Mulroney about insurance for these vehicles.

SLOLY: it's a challenging situation to enforce. Just yesterday 100 people surrounded 30 officers when they apprehended an individual with a gas can and were almost overcome. We need extra public order. Bylaw aren't my control.

Mayor: "show me the mounties". We need to come out of the meeting with a down payment on resources. If we don't have more officers this will go on for a long time. I want that flag out of the PMO and crane too but I need something to say in terms of deliverables at council. What will

you commit to?

MM: There is a 5pm RCMP call with the city I believe. We need to have the province present on these calls. OPP will play critical role.

Mayor: It's hard for me to blast the province when I don't have a commitment from the feds.

BB: I know SLOLY you're talking to OPP? Any indication on their level of support?

SLOLY: yes, from Tom Creek. Tom gave us two public order units which he had to pull back – he has a standing 100-120 general duty officers still. SOLGEN says they have sent 1,500. That is disingenuous. We don't know where this number is coming from, not even the OPP. On the RCMP – only 20 have been sworn in. the rest are with the GG RIDEAU COTTAGE and Precinct. I need more.

BLAIR: for how long are you asking resources?

5-7 days.

Mayor: let's meeting every 2-3 days.